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Title : **IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE...**  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension, a petition pursuant to 1.136(a) being enclosed.

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 6, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE DRAWINGS**

Subject to approval by the Examiner in charge, enclosed herewith is a sketch of Fig. 2 with correction shown in red.

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